

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

April 19, 2022

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, in the Ferdinand Town Hall. Present were Council President, Ken Sicard; Vice-President, Debbie Johnson; Council Member, Ron Weyer; Town Attorney, Sharon Bohnenkemper and Clerk-Treasurer, Tamara Miller.

Ron moved to approve the Minutes of the March 15, 2022 Council Meeting. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Froman, Police Chief, reported Kolton Brown has resigned his patrolman position and Froman is working with James to advertise for the open position.

Hoppenjans, Fire Chief, reported the repair work at Fire Station 2 is complete.

Lueken, Property and Street Superintendent, reported the Town was awarded \$102,893.38 in Community Crossings Matching Grant Funds 2022-01. Lueken will start evaluating which roads to include in the 2022-02 CCMG application. Three projects require more than the standard resurfacing: 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and Vienna Drive require culvert replacement work and East 13<sup>th</sup> Street, currently a concrete surface. Lueken will work with Universal to get the cost estimate well in advance of the CCMG 2022-02 deadline.

The Council decided to keep the wastewater department's sludge spreader for possible future use by the Town and not to declare it surplus at this time.

Debbie moved to approve the purchase of a new Kubota, as requested by Lueken for the park department, at a cost of \$21,050 before trade-in. The park department's Kubota is 20 years old. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

James stated the park and recreation program is scheduled for June 7, 2022 – July 29, 2022. There will be a Wednesday library movie. James requested the hiring of Part-Time/Park & Rec Employees, Grace Schuetter, recreation director, at \$9.75 per hour and Gabey Gray, recreation manager, at \$9.50 per hour, working 25 hours per week, both starting June 1, 2022. Ron moved to approve the request, contingent upon passing the drug test. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The salaries will be allocated to the park budget until the program concludes at which time the salaries will be allocated to the general budget. Bohnenkemper stated the current salary ordinance has a range

of \$10.00 - \$13.50 per hour for Park and Recreation Managers. In consideration of this information, Debbie moved to amend the pay for Grace Schuetter to \$10.50 per hour and Gabey Gray to \$10.00 per hour. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard moved to extend the Town of Ferdinand Guidelines for Business Operations and the Meeting Procedures updated January 18, 2022 and to continue the updated Guidelines until the May 17, 2022 Council Meeting. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard is gathering information for the agenda item - Consider areas to restrict parking / 4 way-stop.

The job opening for the Police Chief position has been advertised. The Council will hold an executive session to interview applicants in the coming weeks. Miller will give 48-hour notice for all executive sessions scheduled.

Economic Development Commission has a vacancy. The position is a Council nomination and Council President appointment.

The Disaster Plan Ordinance was tabled until the next meeting.

Miller explained the need to re-establish the Cumulative Capital Development Fund to 5 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation in order to meet future revenue needs. Sicard introduced Ordinance 2022-11, An Ordinance Re-Establishing the Cumulative Capital Development Fund Under Indiana Code 36-9-15.5. The Ordinance will be set for hearing at 7:00 PM on May 17, 2022.

Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-12, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2021-22, Regarding Salaries, Compensation and Wages for Elected Officials, Appointees and Employees for Elected Officials, Appointees and Employees of the Town of Ferdinand, Indiana. The ordinance establishes wages for a temporary part-time interim water wastewater superintendent, Roger Schaefer at \$40.00 per hour; no more than 24 hours per week while acting as interim department head and training the newly-hired department head. Employee will not be in the regular rotation for weekend lab testing but if unavoidable, due to staff shortages, an additional 2 hour minimum at straight time will be paid. Employee will not be on call for emergency call out unless there is no department employee available to man the call out emergency. In such event an additional 2 hour minimum, at time and a half, will be paid. Employee will maintain CDL license at Town expense while serving in this temporary/part-time capacity. Full-time benefits will cease as of April 28, 2022. The amendment is effective with the pay period which begins April 29, 2022. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Miller explained that utility disconnections have resumed if a delinquent customer made no

effort to pay or apply for financial assistance. Receivables have decreased significantly and we are continuing to work with customers to apply for the available aid.

Bohnenkemper reviewed the MasterBrand CF-1's. She stated all forms were in substantial compliance with the Statements of Benefit that were previously submitted by MasterBrand. She recommended the forms be approved and the President and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the compliance forms. Debbie moved to approve and sign the annual Compliance Forms. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper reviewed the Knu, LLC CF-1. She stated the form was in substantial compliance with the Statement of Benefits that was previously submitted by to Knu, LLC. She recommended the form be approved and the President and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the compliance form. Ron moved to approve and sign the annual Compliance Form. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper reviewed the K Fam Partners LLC (formerly Begle Properties, LLC) CF-1 for the 3- Story 12 Unit Apartment property at 2645 Leaf Drive. She stated all forms were in substantial compliance with the Statements of Benefit that were previously submitted by Begle Properties, LLC. She recommended the forms be approved and the President and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the compliance forms. Debbie moved to approve and sign the annual Compliance Forms. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper reviewed the Valley Apartment One, LLC CF-1. She stated this is the first year of their abatement and the form was in substantial compliance with the Statement of Benefits. She recommended the form be approved and the President and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the compliance form. Ron moved to approve and sign the annual Compliance Form. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to adopt Resolution 2022-5, an Approval of Park Board Contract and Authorization to use ARPA Funds for the construction of the Old Town Lake Restroom and Storage Facility Project with Alternate #1 and it is the intention that ARPA funds be used to pay for part of that project. The Park Board's contract with Seufert Construction in the amount of \$140,090 is approved by the Town Council so that ARPA funds committed in the Town's ARPA Plan can be used to fund part of that project. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tom Lueken stated the 2021-02 CCMG road work is scheduled for August as agreed.

Ferdinand was awarded \$102,893.38 Community Crossings Matching Grant Funds. The

Town will match \$34,297.83 (25%). Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-13, approving one position, the President of Town Council, Ken Sicard, to sign the INDOT LPA Contracts, the CCMG Agreements and any other contract with INDOT. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The Town must be under contract with a contractor within 4 months of April 19, 2022.

Mike Becher, Shepherd Insurance LLC DBA Dale State Agency, gave a status update of the property and workers compensation insurance premiums and claims history. He thanked the Town for their business and the Council expressed their appreciation for his dedication to serving the Town.

Tom Lueken stated he will get at least three quotes for the demolition of the house at 330 Maryland Street and apply for a demolition permit. Lueken requested the electric department remove the trees on the property and Todd Fischer acknowledged the electric department would remove the trees.

Sicard stated the first use of the ARPA funds will be to cover some of the cost of the Restroom Building at the Old Town Lake. Miller added the ARPA reporting due April 30, 2022 is ready to be submitted. There was no ARPA money spent for the report due April 30, 2022.

Debbie moved to approve a payment of \$1,000 to the Dubois County Leadership Academy for the Town's annual installment for 2022. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Dubois Strong Annual Meeting is April 26, 2022 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. James will contact Town representatives to fill the Town table of 10.

Ron moved to approve the 2023 Budget Timeline Dates:

- 2023 Budget Meeting with Department Heads – Monday, August 1, 6 AM
- 2023 Budget Hearing - Tuesday, August 16, 7 PM
- 2023 Budget Adoption - Tuesday, September 20, 7 PM

Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

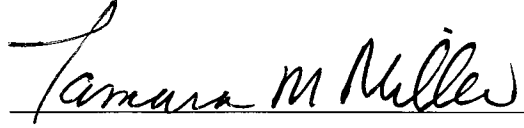
Debbie moved to approve regular claims. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	May 17, 2022 at 6:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	April 27, 2022 at 6:30 PM-Cancelled
Plan Commission	Wednesday	April 27, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	May 11, 2022 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Comm.	Monday	April 25, 2022 at 6:00 PM

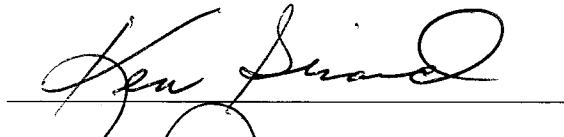
As there was no further business to discuss, Debbie moved to adjourn. Ron seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

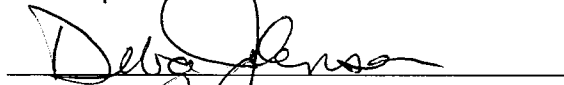
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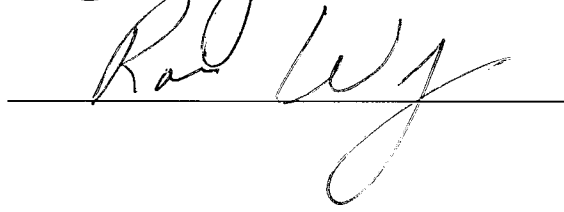


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Here is the Police Report for the Month of March. Completed training in the following areas: Firearms, Police Ambush, Officer Down, Deadly Force Encounters (Shoot / Don't Shoot), Domestic Disputes, Mental Aspects of Lethal Force, Incident Command System, and De- Escalation Techniques. Picked up the new Durango. Awaiting Upfit Equipment. Hopefully will be on the road by May. Assisted with Town Wide Yard Sale. Assisted with Parade Details. Nothing else to report. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Lloyd O. Froman  
Chief Ferdinand P.D.

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# Ferdinand Police Department

243 W 10th Street, Ferdinand Indiana 47532

Phone: 812-367-1806 / Fax: 812-998-2094

Chief of Police: Lloyd Froman

Assistant Chief: Brian Seffernick

Total Calls For Service		Calls For Service Report March 2022 	
Miles Driven	215		
Total Gallons	5113		
Average MPG	349		
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm	1	Missing Person Adult/Child	0
Animal Complaint	4	Parking Violation	0
Assist Other Agency	20	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	4
Battery/ Assault	0	Protective/Restraining Order	0
Burglary (attempted)	2	Prowler (report of)	1
Burning Complaint	0	Report to Station	1
Child Abuse/Neglect	0	Return Messages	37
Civil Matter /Dispute	1	State Dispatch	18
Citizen Assist	3	Scam	0
Debris in Roadway	1	Security Check	0
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	6	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	0
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	0	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	1
Drug Complaint	0	Theft	0
Domestic Problem	3	Traffic Control	15
Escort	10	Traffic Warnings	9
Eviction	0	Traffic Citations	2
Extra Patrol	0	Trespassing	1
Fight	2	Threats/ Intimidation	2
Finger Printing	1	Vandalism	2
Fire	2	Vehicle Accident	8
General Information	27	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	0
Gun Permit	1	Vehicle Check	5
Harassment	0	Vehicle Lock Out	7
Hazardous/ Not Chemical	0	Warrant	1
Investigation	9	Weather Related Problems	5
Identity Theft	0	Welfare Check	2
Illegal Dumping	0	911 false calls	0
Intoxicated Person	0		0
Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway	0		
Lines/ Poles Down	1		
Lost/ Stolen License Plate	0		
Mental Subject	0		





## FERDINAND POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Complaint Type	Lloyd	Brian	Rob	Tom	Christian	Joshua	Rayce	Kyle	Kolton	Jay				Total
Mental Subject														0
Missing Person Adult/Child														0
Parking Violation														0
Property Lost/Found/Recovered		1		1	1		1							4
Protective/Restraining Order														0
Prowler						1								1
Report To Station	1													1
Return Messages	9	12	1	4	1	2	8							37
State Dispatch		1	2	6	2	5			2					18
Scam														0
School Check														0
Suicide/or a Suicidal person														0
Suspicious Person/Vehicle			1											1
Theft														0
Traffic Control	4	4		2			4		1					15
Traffic Warnings	1	1		3		2			2					9
Traffic Citations			1	1										2
Trespassing			1											1
Threats/ Intimidation	1	1												2
Vandalism				2										2
Vehicle Accident		2		2			4							8
Vehicle Accident Leaving The Scene														0
Vehicle Check		1		2			2							5
Vehicle Lock Out		1	2	3	1									7
Warrant						1								1
Weather Related Problems			2			2	1							5
Welfare Check						1	1							2
911 False Calls														0
														0
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>215</b>
Miles Driven	659	515	730	774	313	1372	448		302					5113
Total Gallons	39.3	31	76.5	53.2	28	75	29		17					349
Average MPG	16.7684	16.613	9.5425	14.55	11.1786	18.29333	15.44828	#VALUE!	17.76471	#VALUE!				14.65



## FERDINAND FIRE DEPT.

221 E. Fourth St. P.O. Box 31

Ferdinand, IN 47532

### 2022 Summary of Incidents

	<b>FIRE</b>	<b>EMR</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>11</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>APRIL</b>				
<b>MAY</b>				
<b>JUNE</b>				
<b>JULY</b>				
<b>AUGUST</b>				
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
<b>DECEMBER</b>				

The department did our adopt a highway clean up along St. Rd.264.

The department did our annual driving course training.

Max Witte, Chase Schwenk, and Riley Denning completed their EMR course and are now certified.

Work on station 2 started today 4/12/2022. Weather permitting they think they can complete this week.

## Electric Department Report

April 19, 2022

- 3 unplanned outages
  - Town Hall Bad connection for 30 min
  - Limb on Line in storm one customer CR 285 East for 30 min
  - Unknown reason one customer on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street for 30 min
- Pole changeouts
- Starting tree pruning and removal of danger trees
- Developing a preventative maintenance log for the large service transformers.
- Hidden Meadows subdivision electric installation
  - Installing temporary services for the new houses being built.
- Main Street lighting project between 18<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Digging is done waiting for ground to settle and dry out for grass seed.
  - Light fixtures have been installed.
  - Transferred funds to Capital Improvement to buy remaining street lights needed for Main Street to save 20%.



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It's mowing season again and for what it is worth we need to remind residents and property owners not to blow grass into the street.

We completed the Town's spring clean-up.

We painted the curb by Tin Lizzie's

Elite Line Striping completed the project on Industrial Park Rd. He is to get back to me about some turn arrows and redo stripping at west 23rd and Industrial.

We did shoulder work along the bypass, 9th between 13th and Industrial and 14th street near the Old Town Lake entrance.

Also caught up with limb and yard waste hauling.

## OLD BUSINESS

## NEW BUSINESS

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## **Town Council Meeting**

### **Wastewater:**

2 Sewer Taps at Kersteins Project

Check all Lift Stations

Truck turn around problems at Lift Station 6 again

Requesting we sell the sludge spreader excessive inventory. We do have some wanting to bid on it.

### **Water:**

Large water leak at Comfort Inn

2 Service line water leaks at Kerstein's Sub division

Major water leak on West 23<sup>rd</sup> Street

Large leak at Library

The estimates water loss for the 5 leaks was 160,000 for the month

Install water services

Working on the Consumer Quality Reports

My part of the Water Audit is finished

*Hydrant flushing has begun for 2022!*



## PARKS DEPARTMENT TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

*April 2022*

### **General Park Report**

- The park board met on March 25, 2022 and April 14, 2022.
- The board voted to accept the low bid from Seufert Construction to build the Old Town Lake Restroom and Storage Building.
- The park's existing Kubota is nearing its end of life. With more and more travel between the three parks and the age of the machine as well Tom Lueken has solicited three bids from three manufacturers. The board is requesting the purchase of a new RTV based on the low bid received.
- The park board approved the master plan previously presented in a resolution for 2022-2026
- 18<sup>th</sup> Street Park
  - There are two pickle ball courts at the 18<sup>th</sup> Street Park now available for use due to the addition of the portable nets that were recently installed.
- Old Town Lake
  - The front entrance sign and flag pole installations have been completed..

Matthew Weyer  
April 14, 2022



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## TOWN MANAGER TALKING POINTS FOR APRIL 19, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING

1 – The 2022 Dubois County Leadership Academy is now underway. Our first session was Thursday April 7 at the Ferdinand Library Community Room. Tad Dickel, for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row, served as our opening session host. This year we are pleased to have 13 participants: Justin Reed, Laine Busick, Emily Dart, Kabrea Robling, Kristen Steiner, Brandy Small, Tyler Rauscher, Jason Brondos, Andrew Ball, Rilyn Rusher, Bob Sunderman, Emily Meyer and Dana Wood. Many thanks to their employers for allowing them to participate in the Academy. Our next session is April 26. Participants have been assigned to their teams and I am looking forward to their Capstone Project ideas.

2 – Work continues for the 2022 Ferdinand Folk Festival. The music selection group met April 13 to discuss confirmed artists, potential headline acts and other line-up options, both for the Main Stage and Market Stage, along with fundraising efforts to this point. The search for a headline artist is moving forward, with an official line-up press release to follow as soon as everyone is locked in- hopefully very soon. Additionally, the creation of a new Folk Festival website is coming in the near future. One of our returning committee members is taking on this task, which will allow our internal group to handle any updates to the site, keeping the information current and timely.

3 – There is just over one month left in the current school year and that means our Summer Park & Recreation program is fast approaching. This year's program will run from June 6 through July 29 and shall revert to its previous form. This means one session, 9-11am, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 18<sup>th</sup> Street Park. Last year, in deference to best health practices, we hosted two separate sessions with limited numbers in each group. We are also pleased to announce the Wednesday Movie Day at the Ferdinand Library returns this year as well. All of these steps are designed to give the kids as normal of a summer experience as possible. One note

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to keep track of: there will be no Park and Rec programming the week of June 13-16, as that falls during the Christ the King Parish Vacation Bible School.

4 – Relating to the Park and Rec program, I am requesting council permission to conditionally hire Gabey Gray as our newest summer employee, pending her successfully passing a drug screen. Gabey comes to us at the recommendation of Grace Schuetter, who is returning for a second year in the program. I interviewed Gabey and feel she will be a good fit as she enjoys kids and creating crafts and other projects. Her pay would be set at \$9.50/hour. She and Grace will be working approximately 25 hours per week. I am also asking that Grace Schuetter have her pay rate set at \$9.75 to serve as Recreation Director for the 2022 Park and Rec season.

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